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I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of the claims replaces all prior versions and listing of the claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:
 - a table top having a top surface and a bottom surface;
 - a first leg assembly attached to the table top;
 - a second leg assembly attached to the table top;
 - a first connecting member attached to the bottom surface of the table top, the first connecting member having an outer side and an inner side;
 - a second connecting member attached to the bottom surface of the table top, the second connection member having an outer side and an inner side, the inner side of the first connecting member being spaced apart and facing the inner side of the second connecting member;
 - ~~a first bracket connected to the inner side of the first connecting member;~~
 - a first connecting rod connected to the first connecting member ~~first bracket~~ and the second ~~first~~ connecting member;
 - a second connecting rod connected to the first connecting member and the second connecting member;
 - a first support assembly including a first end connected to the first leg assembly and a second end connected to the first connecting rod;
 - a second support assembly including a first end connected to the second leg assembly and a second end connected to the second connecting rod;

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a first handle connected to the inner side of the first connecting member, the first handle being a separate and discrete structure than the first connecting member, the first handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod, the first handle comprising:

a connecting portion having a generally L-shaped configuration with a generally vertically disposed portion that is at least partially connected to the inner side of the first connecting member and a generally horizontally disposed portion that extends from the inner side to the outer side of the first connecting member, the connecting portion being constructed from metal; and

a handle portion connected to the generally vertically disposed portion of the connecting portion, the handle portion being spaced apart from the bottom surface of the table top so that a person can place their fingers in the space in order to lift the table; and

a second handle connected to the inner side of the second connecting member, the second handle being a separate and discrete structure than the second connecting member, the second handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod, the second handle comprising:

a connecting portion having a generally L-shaped configuration with a generally vertically disposed portion that is at least partially connected to the inner side of the first connecting member and a generally horizontally disposed portion that extends from the inner side to the outer side of the second connecting member, the connecting portion being constructed from metal; and

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a handle portion connected to the generally vertically disposed portion of the connecting portion, the handle portion being spaced apart from the bottom surface of the table top so that a person can place their fingers in the space in order to lift the table. ~~and a handle attached to the first bracket, the handle being a separate and discrete structure than the first bracket and the first connecting member, the handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod, wherein a space is formed between the handle and the bottom surface of the table top so that a person can place their fingers in the space in order to lift the table, wherein the handle has a generally L-shaped configuration and is constructed from angled L-iron.~~

2-5. (Cancelled)

Please cancel Claims 6-7.

8. (Cancelled)

Please cancel Claim 9.

10. (Cancelled)

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11. (Currently Amended) The table as recited in claim 1, 6; further comprising:

a third connecting member placed in the same plane as the first connecting member on the bottom surface of the table top; and

a fourth connecting member placed in the same plane as the second connecting member on the bottom surface of the table top, the third connecting member facing the fourth connecting member; and

~~a second connecting rod disposed between the third connecting member and the fourth connecting member.~~

12. (Original) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top comprises blow-molded plastic.

13. (Original) The table as recited in claim 12, wherein the first connecting member is formed integrally with the bottom surface of the table top.

14. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 1, wherein the first connecting member is integrally formed with the table top as part of a unitary, one-piece construction, the handle being directly connected to the integrally formed first connecting member.

15-20. (Cancelled)

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21. (Currently Amended) A table comprising:

a table top constructed from blow-molded plastic, the table top including an upper portion, a lower portion and a hollow interior formed during the blow-molding process;

a first leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;

a second leg assembly movable between an extended position and a collapsed position relative to the table top;

a first connecting member attached to the bottom surface of the table top, the first connecting member having an outer side and an inner side;

a second connecting member attached to the bottom surface of the table top, the second connection member having an outer side and an inner side, the inner side of the first connecting member being spaced apart and facing the inner side of the second connecting member;

a first connecting rod connected to the first connecting member and the second connecting member;

a second connecting rod connected to the first connecting member and the second connecting member;

a first support assembly including a first end connected to the first leg assembly and a second end connected to the first connecting rod;

a second support assembly including a first end connected to the second leg assembly and a second end connected to the second connecting rod; and

a handle connected to the inner side of the first connecting member, the handle

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being a separate and discrete structure than the first connecting member, the handle being spaced apart from the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod, the handle comprising:

a connecting portion having a generally L-shaped configuration with a generally vertically disposed portion that is at least partially connected to the inner side of the first connecting member and a generally horizontally disposed portion that extends from the inner side to the outer side of the first connecting member, the connecting portion being constructed from metal; and
a handle portion connected to the generally vertically disposed portion of the connecting portion, the handle portion being spaced apart from the bottom surface of the table top so that a person can place their fingers in the space in order to lift the table.

a connecting assembly comprising:

a first connecting member connected to the lower portion of the table top and including an attachment surface;

a first bracket attached to the attachment surface of the first connecting member;

a second connecting member connected to the lower portion of the table top and including an attachment surface;

a second bracket attached to the attachment surface of the second connecting member;

a first connecting rod connected to the first bracket and the second bracket; and

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~~a second connecting rod connected to the first bracket and the second bracket;~~

~~a first handle directly connected to the first bracket, the first handle being spaced apart from the first connecting member, the first connecting rod and the second connecting rod, the first handle being firmly and securely attached to the first bracket to facilitate movement of the table, the first handle having a generally L-shaped configuration and being constructed from metal; and~~

~~a first support assembly including one end connected to the first connecting rod of the connecting assembly and another end connected to the first leg assembly, the first support assembly being sized and configured to allow the first leg assembly to move between the extended position and the collapsed position.~~

22. (Previously Presented) The table as recited in claim 21, wherein the first connecting member includes a body that is integrally formed in the lower portion of the table top as part of a unitary, one-piece construction during the blow-molding process.

23-24. (Cancelled)